

The Embassy of the United States of America in Macedonia is pleased to announce a call for proposals as part of the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (S/GWI) Small Grants Initiative designed to fund worthy projects that promote women's political, economic and social advancement in developing countries.

The purpose of the projects is to support "programs that improve women's leadership capacity in developing countries." These funds are intended "for programs which enhance leadership and economic opportunities for women in developing countries

Project initiatives through this fund could include, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- Education: women's literacy and innovative ways to keep girls in school and help ensure safety while attending school; also, health education initiatives;
- Food security: supporting small holder female farmers through women's leadership and property rights training and land tenure reform advocacy initiatives;
- Climate change: support to women's community groups for training in adaptation and mitigation, and enhanced participation of women in climate change problem solving;
- Gender-based violence (GBV): support to NGOs or community-based resource centers in combating GBV manifesting in practices ranging from honor killings to indentured servitude; support for victims of domestic violence as well as rape as a tool of war, particularly in light of the Secretary's recent visit to the DRC and her focus on this issue;
- Economic opportunity: programs to provide training in business and management through mentoring, and support for women's artisan groups for product design, marketing, and related needs;
- Democracy and political empowerment: political and policy reform and leadership training initiatives;
- Legal reform: judicial and law enforcement training initiatives; promoting women's property rights; and equal access to justice.

The call for proposals is open to all local NGOs registered in Macedonia.
The deadline for applications is January 31, 2010

All applications in English Language should be sent electronically to the following email address:
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